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AMPTHILL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MIDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and of the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR

for the

YEAR 1962

A.R. DARLOW, T.D., M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.C.H., D.T.M., & H. Medical Officer of Health

J.P. LERRIS, M.T.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. Public Health Inspector



TO THE CHATTMAN AND MINETERS,

AMPTHILL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

I have the honcur to present the Annual Report upon the health, vital statistics and sanitary conditions of the Ampthill Urban District for the year 1962.

The vital statistics are satisfactory, but again it must be stressed that we are dealing with very small numbers and a birth or death either way can cause a considerable difference in the ratios.

There were no serious outbreaks of infectious disease.

Progress in the building of houses was particularly satisfactory.

I am grateful to you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Sanitary and Highways Committee for the interest and co-operation you have shown during the year and I am most grateful to Mr. Mears, who is responsible for most of this report.

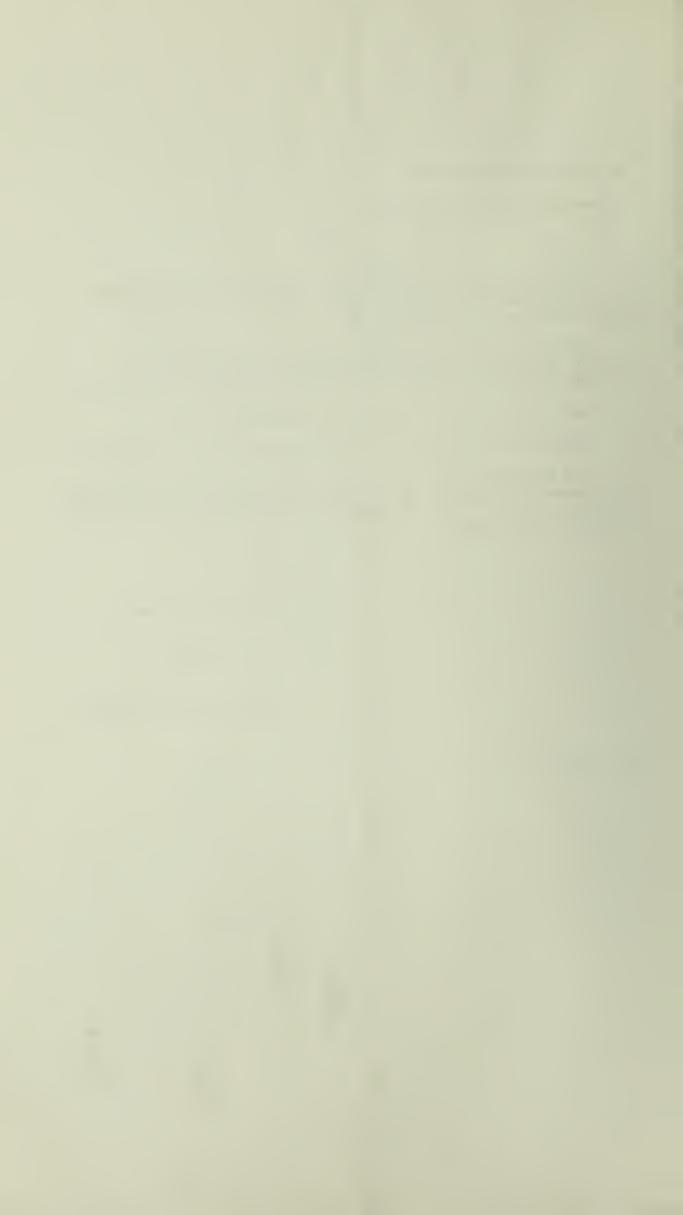
I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A.R. DARLOW,

Medical Officer of Health.

July, 1963.



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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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1. OFFICERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health - A.R. DARLOW, T.D., M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.C.H., D.T.M. & H.

Surveyor, Public Health Inspector and Housing Manager - J.P. MLARS, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.T.

Water Engineer - J.A. STANIFORTH (transferred to Mid Bedfordshire Water Board - April, 1962)

2. GENERAL STATISTICS RELATING TO THE DISTRICT

Area	Acres, 1,904
Population -	
Census for 1961	3 , 854
Registrar General's estimate of	
home population, mid year, 1962	4,020
Number of inhabited houses	1,347
Rateable Value	£ 47,138
Sum represented by Penny Rate (to 31.3.63)	£ 183.0.0d.

3. SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Ampthill is in the southern half of the County and is approximately midway between Bedford and Luton. The town is placed on high ground, but pleasantly screened by well wooded countryside to two elevations; the district is situated in a part of the County noted for its fine woodlands and scenery, and Ampthill itself is well known for its buildings of architectural interest.

Ampthill Station has now been closed to passenger and goodsstraffic the nearest railway station new being situated at Flitwick, about two miles distant. The United Counties Omnibus Company operate in this area and surrounding district.

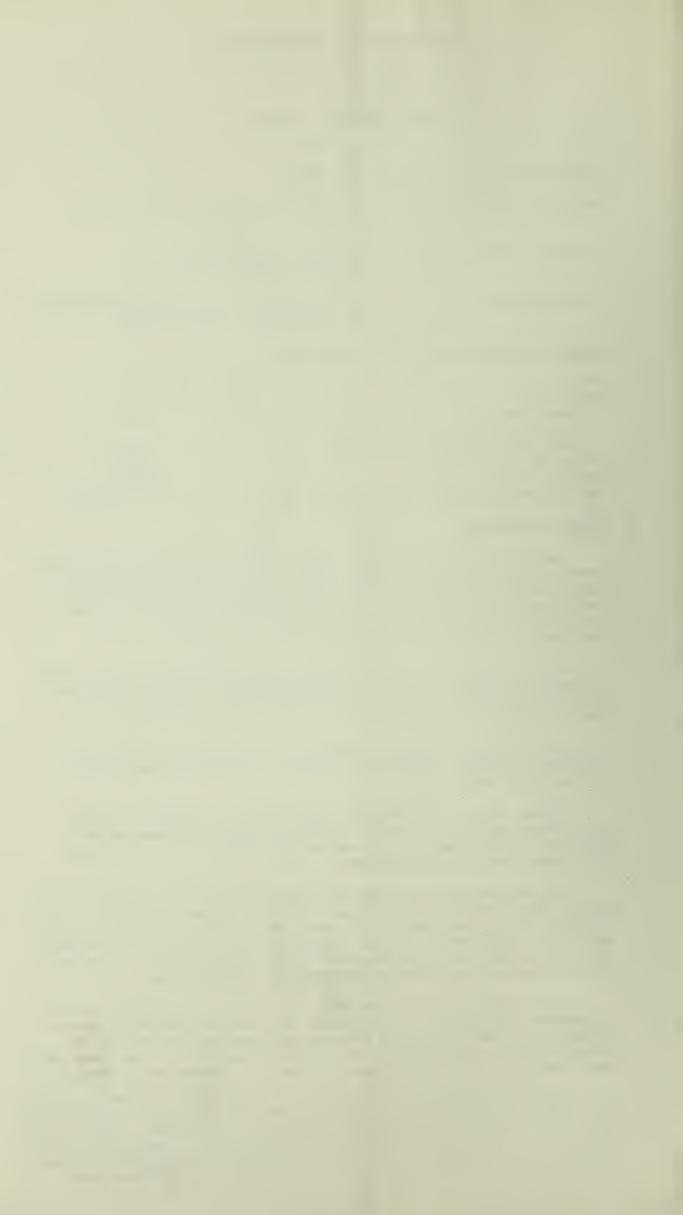
The district is mainly residential with a few light industries including a laundry, agricultural and motor engineering and a firm of refrigeration engineers.

During the year the Saunders Piece site was completed. Fifteen one bedroom bungalows, three two bedroom bungalows and three chalet type three bedroom houses were completed and occupied, together with 24 garages, built in three blocks.

The completion of the Glebe Road estate took place during the year and the development of Holland Road continued. A new estate to be known as Abbey Close, consisting of 21 houses was commenced towards the end of the year. Plans for further development off Oliver Street were submitted and schemes were under consideration for the completion of the Ampthill House Estate and for extensive development at Warren Farm.

Many of the inhabitants travel daily to Luton and Bedford for their employment, but others are employed at the Local brickworks and Messrs. Fergusons and Huntings, whose premises are situated just outside the Urban District. The remainder are engaged in agriculture and other employment consistent with a small town situated in a predominantly rural area.

Ampthill Park provides facilities for cricket, tennis, hockey, fishing and a small putting green is provided in an area set aside for recreation, where other children's playground equipment is established. Other sporting and social activities are provided by the Bowls, Rugby, Tennis, Badminton & Netball clubs; Choral and dramatic societies and the Ampthill Town Band, & mainly for the young a people, Scoute and other Youth organisations.



4. VITAL STATISTICS

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Live Births	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate Illegitimate	47 1	35 1	82 2
Total	48	36	84
Crude Birth Rate Comparable Birth Rate (The comparability factor for the distribute As compared with	20.1 "	21 11	population "
Average of last 5 years Rate for Bedfordshire Rate for England and Wales	16.9 per 21.3 " 18.0 "	1000 home	population
Still Births			
Legitimate Illegitimate	6700 660	***	
Still birth rate NAT per 1,000 live and so As compared with -	till births		
Average of last 5 years Rate for Bedfordshire	19.4 per	1000 live	& stillbirths
Rate for England and Wales	18,1 "	11 11	11 11
Deaths	Males	Females	Total
Deaths in the District Transferred into District Transferred from District	14 12	13 7 1	27 19 1
Total	26	19	45
Crude Death Rate Comparable Death Rate (The comparability factor for the distribution of the compared with -	9.2 11	11 11	population
Average of last 5 years Rate for Bedfordshire	12,9 per	1000 home	population
Rate for England and Wales	11.9 "	15 11	11
Deaths of Infants under One year of age	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate Illegitimate	***	000	
Infant Mortality Rate NIL per 1000 rela As compared with -	ted live bi	rths	
Average of last 5 years Rate for Bedfordshire	13.2 per 21.4 "	1000 rela	ted live births
Rate for England and Wales	21.4 "	11 11	ts ef
Deaths Connected with Childbirth			
Maternal Mortality NIL per 1000 live and	still birt	ns	

As compared with -				
Average of last 5 years	3.2 per	1000	live	births
Rate for Bedfordshire	NIL "	11	11	11
Rate for England and Wales	0.35 "	11	11	11

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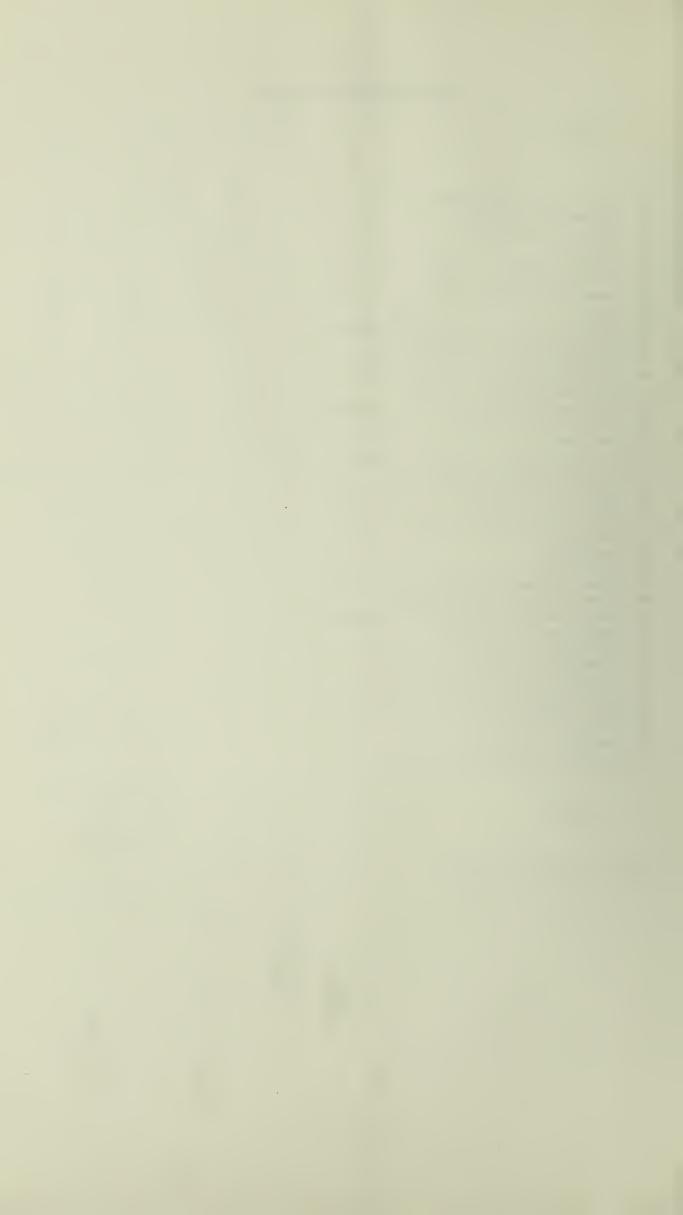
PRINCIPLE CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSES

		m	f
1.	Tuberculosis Respiratory	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	-	949
3.	Syphilitic disease	-	
4.	Diptheria	-	-
	Whooping Cough	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infertions	-	
7.	Acute Poliomyelatio	-	
- •	Measles	_	_
	Other infective and parasitic diseases	_	_
	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	_	_
	Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	_	1
	Malignant neoplasm, breast		-
	Malignant neoplasm, uterus Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	1
	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	- -	_
	Diabetes	_	_
	Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	5
-	Cronary disease, argina	5	5 7
	Hypertension with heart disease	<i>-</i>	-
	Other heart disease	4	5
	Other circulatory disease	1	_
	Influenza		_
	Pneumonia	_	_
	Bronchitis	2	_
	Other diseases of respiratory system	1	
	Ulcer of somach and duplenum	-	
	Gastrities, enterities and diarrhoea	_	_
	Nephrities and rephrosis		_
	Hyperplasia of prostrate	1	_
	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	_	_
	Congenital malformations	_	_
	Other defined and ill defined diseases	1	_
	Motor vehicle accidents	1	
34.	All other accidents	1	-
35.	Suicide	-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war		-
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		26	4.0
	Totals	26	19 .
		COMMUNICATION OF	THE PERSON NAMED IN

CAUSES OF DEATH IN INFANTS

NIL



5. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE AREA

Provided by the North West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board

General Hospitals

Bedford General Asspital, South Wing, Kempston Road, Bedford Bedford General Haspital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford The Luten and Dunstable Hospital, Luten St. Mary's Hospital, Luten.

Infectious Disease Hospitals

Spittlesea Isolation Hospital, Spittlesea, Near Luton.

Chest Clinics (for Fulmonary Tuberculosis)

Bedford General Mospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford St. Mary's Hospital, Luton.

Venereal Dispase Clinics

Bedford General Pospital, South Wing,
Wednesday 5 - 7 p.m. Friday 3 - 5 p.m.
St. Mary's Hospital, Luton,
Renday to Emiday 9.a.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service

Bacteriological Laboratory

Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford Public Health Laboratory, Lewsey Road, Luton.

Provided by the Bedfordshire County Council.

(a) Ambulance Service

The Service provided by the Bedfordshire County Council has satisfactorily met the demands that are occurring. It covers the full twenty-four hours and is free of charge.

In addition to moving emergency cases, ambulance and sitting-case car transport is available for carrying patients unable to travel by other means to and from Hospitals and Clinics at which attendance is necessary for the purpose of receiving medical treatment.

Except in the case of an emergency, the request for an ambulance must be made by a Medical Practitioner or other Authorised Person. This should be made to the nearest depot.

The Service also covers the removal to isolation hospitals of patients suffering from infectious disease.

Depots are situated as follows -

Ampthill, 14 Dunstable Street Tel:
Bedford, Bedford Road, Kompston
Biggleswade, Chestnut Avenue
Dunstable, High Street North
Luton, Leicester Road
Linslade, Bucks. County Council, 10 New Road
Leighton Buzzard.

Tel: Amothill 3333

Bedford 5335

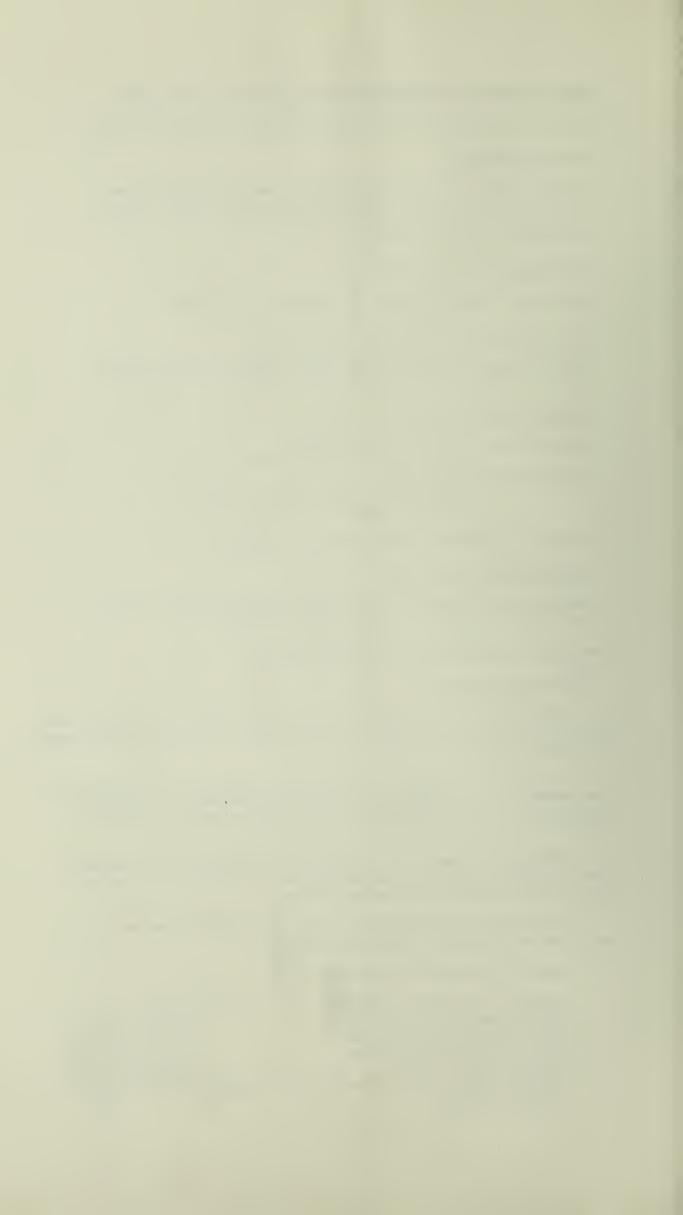
Biggleswade 2295

Dunstable 62761

Luton 52600 & 51871

oad Leighton Buzzard

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(b) Domiciliary Nursing and Midwifery Service

Administered by the Northern Divisional Health Committee.

The Nurse employed is -

Mrs. L.E. Stockbridge, 11 Arthur Street, Ampthill Telephone Ampthill 2261 Mr. K.F. Oripps, 189 Oliver Street, Ampthill Telephone Ampthill 3248

(c) Health Visiting Service

Miss P.V. Maberly, 14b linden Road, Bedford.

(d) Home Help Service

Organiser - Mrs. van Berckelaer, Health Centre, Union Street, Bedford.

(e) Child Welfare Centre

1 Dunstable Street, Ampthill - Friday afternoons.

6. SCHOOLS

There are two schools in the District:
Redborne County Secondary School, Plitwick Road and The Russell School.

7. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

(a) Water Supply

Responsibility for the water supply of the District has now been transferred to the Mid-Beds Water Board.

TYPICAL RESULT OF CHEMICAL EXAMINATION OF SAMPLE OF TREATED WATER

Parts per million:

Colour	Nil	Turbidity	8
рН	8.9	Odour	faint earthy
Electric Conductivity	420	Free Carbon Dioxide	absent
Chlorine present as Chloride	30	Dissolved solids dried at 180°C	295
Hardness: Total, 200: Carbonat	e100		400
Nitrate Nitrogen	0.3	Non Carbonate	100
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	0.030	Nitrite Nitrogen	less than 0.01
		Oxygen absorbed	0.00
Albuminoid "	0.000	Residual Ch lorine	absent
Metals: Iron 0.24, Zinc, Coppe Lead and Manganese:	r, Abse	nt Silica	22
Fluoride (F)	0.25		



(b) Drainage and Sewerage

The Bewage Disposal Norks are sited at Abbey Lane and consist of the following - Detritus and Sedimentation tanks, rotary percolating filters, humas tanks, storm water overflows and sludge beds. The treated effluent discharges into the Running Maters Brook, which enters the River Flitt.

(c) Rivers and Streams

One case of pollution was received and on investigation was found to be oil pollution from industrial premises. Arising out of negotiations together with the Pollution Inspector of the River Board, steps were taken by the persons in default to prevent further re-occurrences.

(d) Closet Accommodation

The majority of the premises in the town have water carriage systems, but 66 houses with no sewer available are connected to cesspools, or septic tank installations. Three dwellings (isolated farm dwellings and cottages) have only pail closets.

(e) Public Cleansing

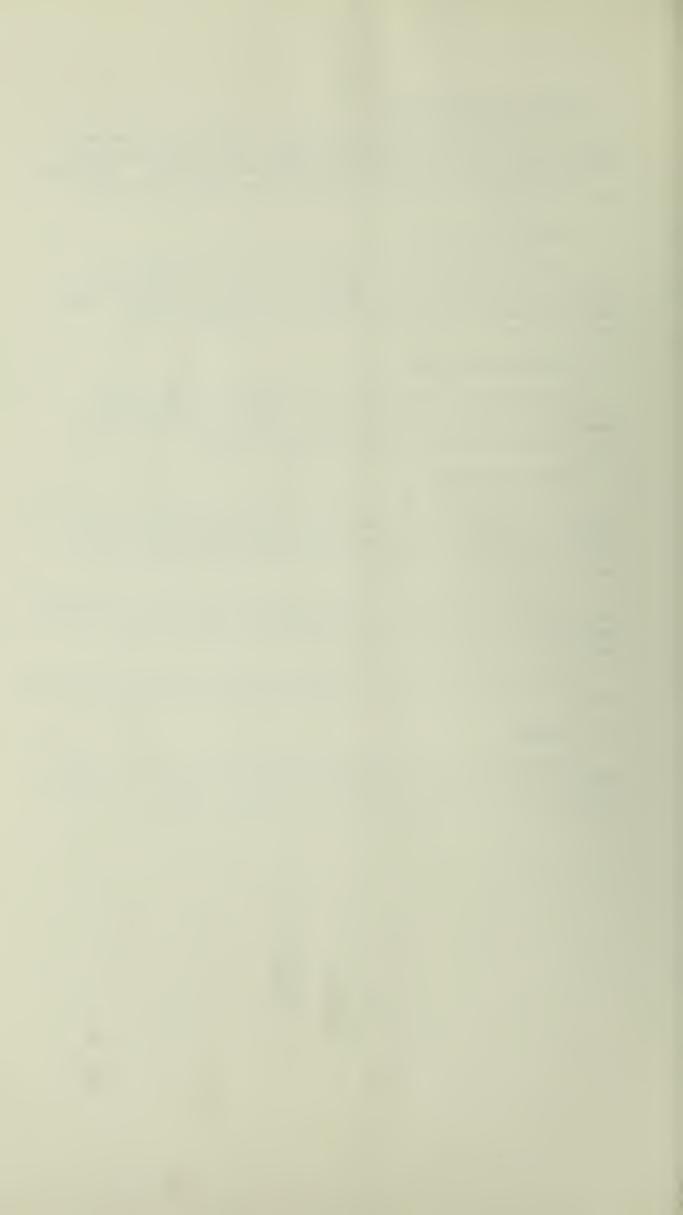
The disposal and collection of house refuse continues satisfactorily, though it is apparent the existing 7 cu. yd. Karrier Bantam is too small a capacity for future requirements and is now coming to the end of its useful life. The Council are considering the purchase of a larger compression type vehicle.

The refuse tip at Bedford Poad is rapidly being filled, but through the co-operation of the Rural District Council, arrangements have been made to use a tip at Brogborough. The existing tip is treated regularly for infestation of pests.

The Council do not operate a cesspool cleansing scrvice, the occupiers of premises drained to cesspools make their own private arrangements.

(f) Salvage

During the year no waste paper was collected for sale due to the inability of the merchants and mills to accept baled waste. This added to the problem of refuse collection and disposal, besides the loss of income arising out of the sale of this salvageable material.



(g) Sanitary Inspection of Frea

The following is a summary of the sanitary and other defects dealt with during the year -

Premises with defective and insanitary closets	5
Premises with insufficient sanitary accommodation	
Premises with insanitary and defective drains	4
Premises with insaritary and defective cesspools	2
Premises with defective windows, insufficient	-
light and ventilation	-
Premises with defective floors	2
Dirty premises	1
Dangerous structure	-
Accumulations of offensive matter	-
Unsound meat and other foods	6
Rooms disinfected for bed bugs etc. & infectious	-
	31
Other dilapidations	1 44
Number of Statutor, notices scryed	RCW.
Number of informal notices served	16
Number of defective premises	14

(h) Shops and Offices

These establishments were inspected at intervals and were all found to be generally satisfactory, no formal action being necessary.

(i) Camping Sites

One application for a moveable dwelling was granted, on a Building plot, whilst a house for the occupant was in course of construction.

(j) Smoke Abatement

No complaints of smoke nuisance were received during the year.

(k) Disinfestation

No treatment was necessary.

8, HOUSING

During the year the hectsoury Road extension was completed which comprised 18 units of accommodation, occurating of three 3 bedroom challets with one bedroom on the ground floor, and three 2 bedroomed bungalows, and twelve 1 bedroomed bungalows. The chalets were built primarily to afford suitable heasing where an invalid existed within the family. The remainder of the development was consistent with that provided for the elderly.

41 private dwellings were completed and occupied, the bulk of these on the Glebe Road, Holland Load and Alameda Road estates.

The following plans were approved under Building Byelaws -

115 houses and bungalows

32 alterations to domestic premises

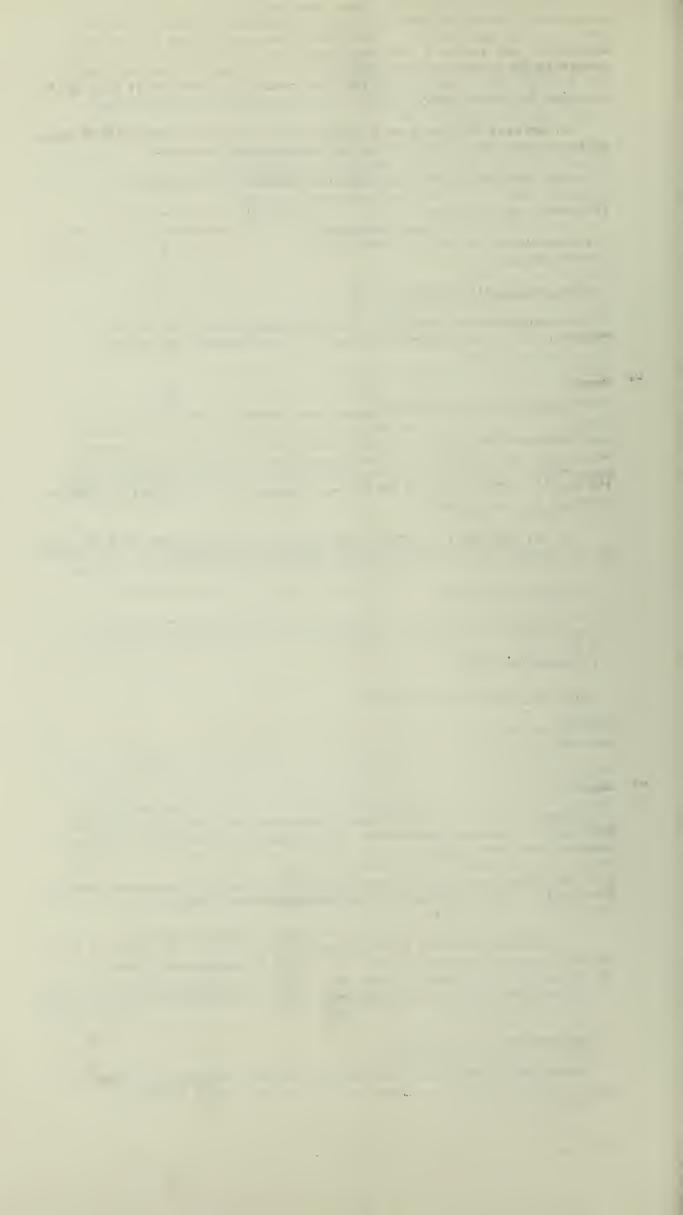
9 alterations to business premises

1 Conversion of stable block

1 Conversion of welling

Town and Country Planning

65 applications under the Town and Country Planning act were received, of which 48 were approved, 12 refused and 5 withdrawn.



9. RODENT CONTROL

A trained operator has been employed to carry out the destruction of rodents, make surveys etc. and take such steps as to keep infestation down to a minimum. Regular treatments were carried out at the Refuse Tip and Sewage Works, and domestic and business premises were attended to as and when required. Regular surveys of ditches and streams in the District generally were carried out and the necessary treatment given. Tests of the Sewerage system were carried out in accordance with Ministry instructions.

10. INSPECTION AND SUPPRIVISION OF FOOD

Number of premises handling food and visits made thereto -

(a) Shops	Premises	Visits Made
 Ice ^Cream Vendors Bakers and confectioners Grocers Fishmongers General stores Butchers Dairies and retail milk distributors 	14 6 4 1 8 5 2	26 14 12 4 18 15 4
(b) Vans, Stalls and Hawkers	4	16
(c) Catering Establishments		
 Restaurants and Cafes Industrial Canteens School canteens Hotels Outside catering contractors Fish and chip shops Others 	3 - 2 1 - 1	12 - 4 4 - 4 -
(d) Manufacturing Establishments		
 Sausage Makers Meat pie and cooked meat makers Bakehouses Ice Cream Makers Confectionery Manufacturers Others 	5 5 - 1 -	15 15 - 2 -

(e) Milk Supply (Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949
Milk (Special Designation) Regulations 1949-54)

Regular inspections have been carried out of the two retailer's premises which were found to be satisfactory. Three dairies situated outside the district retail designated milk within the Urban area.

(f) Unfit Foods

The following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption -

201bs Imported lambs livers 471bs tinned food & groceries

Tinned food and groceries which are usually condemned in small quantities are collected and buried at the Council's Refuse Tip. Condemned meat at the butchers shops is always stained with Condemned meat dye before collection by processing firms.



(g) Butchers Shops (all registered under s 16 Food and Drugs Act 1955)

The five butchers' shops have been regularly inspected and are maintained in a good condition, all complying with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

(h) Bakehouses

The one bakehouse in the district was destroyed by fire during the year.

(i) Ice Cream Registration (under s 16 Food & Drugs Act, 1955 and Tce Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947-52

Fourteen pramises are registered for the sale of ice-cream, all of which sell a pre-packed article, except for one where a 'cold-mix' is manufactured and sold. We samples were taken during the year by this department.

(j) Food Hygiene Regulations 1955-56

Regular inspections were carried out to ensure the regulations were being complied with.



11. PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INDECTIOUS DISEASES

Notification by Age Groups

,	-				
Disease	C - 5	5 - 15	Over 15	Total	Removed to
Scarlet Fever	eq.	2	-	2	Hospital -
Measles	3	-	-	3	

These columns depend for their accuracy on notifications received from general practitioners. Some of the diseases have now become so unimportant that there is nowhere near full notification, so that the figures given can only be taken as an indication of the trend.

Reporting of serious diseases is still complete and in this connection it will be noticed that there have been no cases of poliomyelitis.

Tuberculosis in Age Groups

Age	New Car			Death	ıs			
		ar; Non Pu	Lmonary	Pulmo	nary	Mon Pu	ılmonary	
	MF	7.1	F		F	M	F	Manage an empelo soldenda —sunsa
Under 1								
1 - 5			e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e					
5 - 15								
15 - 35								
35 - 65								
Over 65								
Total		ect	-	-	-	-	_	

Number on Register at End of Year

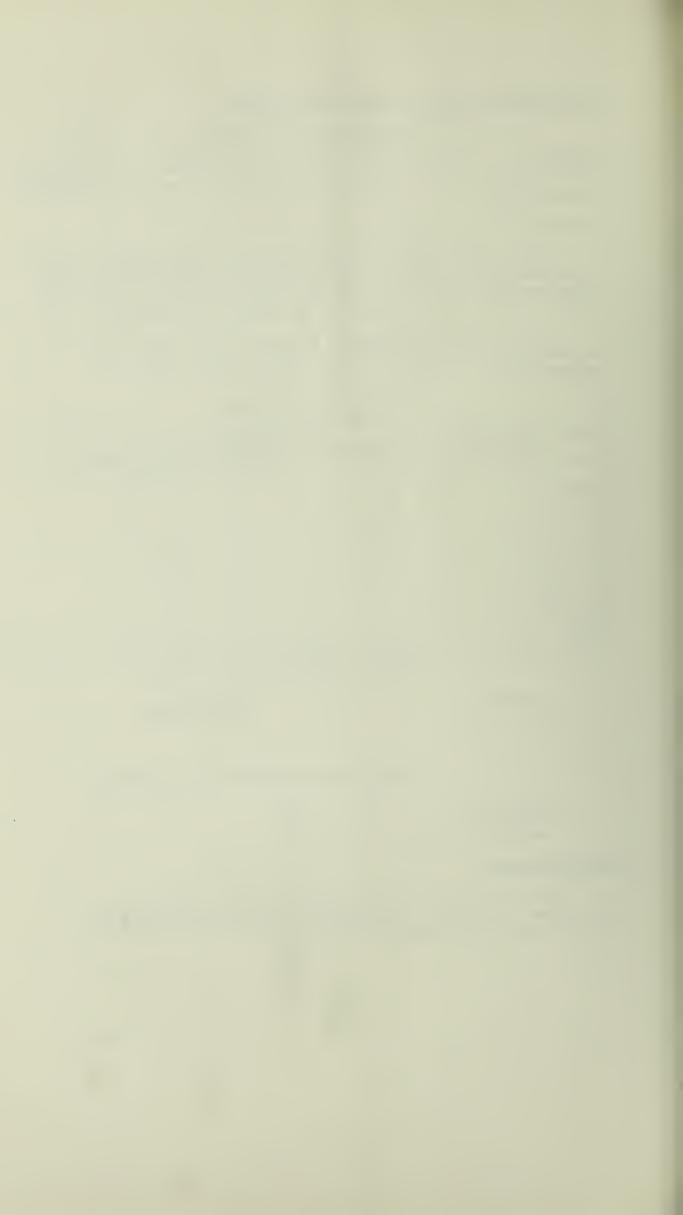
Pulmor	ary	Non 1	Pulmonary
M	F		F
10	5	_	3

Death Rates per 100,000 of the Population

This District	_	NIL
Bedfordshire	_	3.3
England and Wales	_	5.9

12. MASS RADIOGRAPHY

There is a weekly visit of a mobile unit for chest x-rays on the request of a general practitioner. This unit is on the Sands, every Thursday from 12 noon to 12.30 p.m.



13. IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Vaccination against anterior poliomyelitis, whooping cough and diptheria, is the responsibility of the County Council, and has been carried out at child welfare clinics and in the schools.

There were no cases of policmyelitis during the year.

Immunisation against tuberculosis by B.C.G. is offered to school leavers and is given in the schools.

Cleansing of Vermineus Persons Public Health Act 1976, Section 85

Lice

No treatments were given under this section this year.

The bulk of the cases which might call for treatment are in school children with lousy heads, who are always treated informally by the school nurse.

There is an arrangement with the Borough of Bedford to treat general infestations at Barkers Lane, Bedford at a cost of 30/- per treatment for adults and 17/6d. per treatment for children.

Modern treatment of scabies no longer necessitates cleansing under this Section.

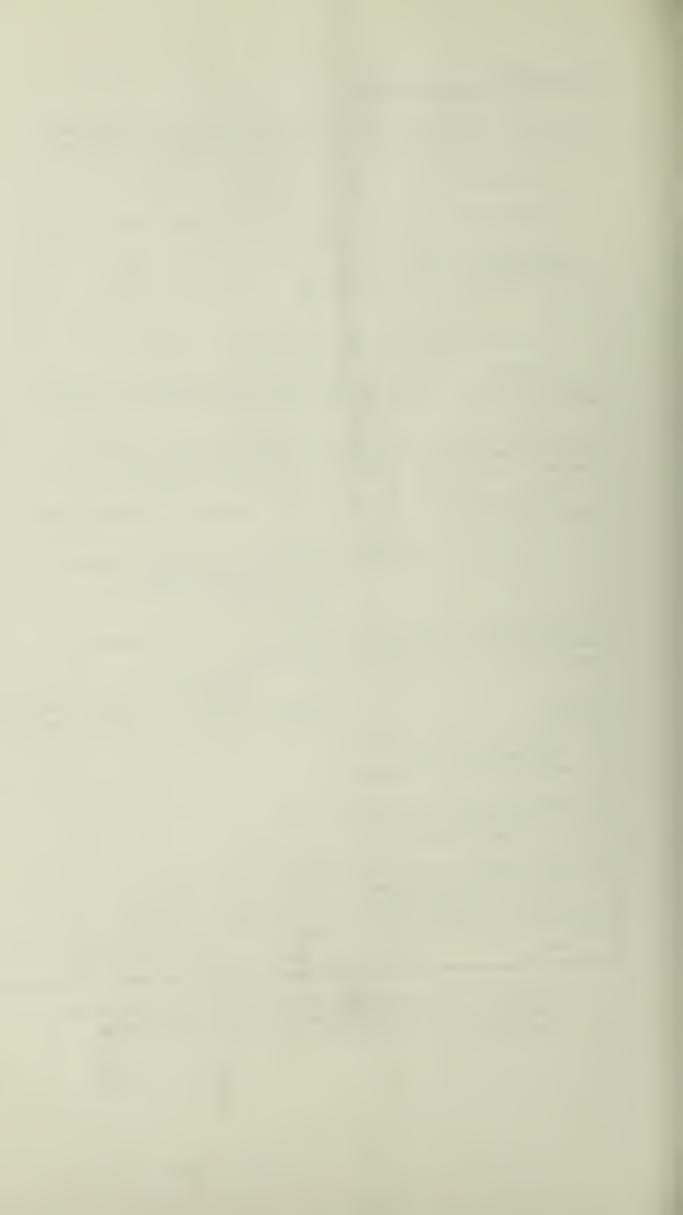
Frescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPICTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

			Number of		
Pre	mises	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1.	Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	11		
2.	Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	14	17		
3.	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local authority x excluding outworkers premises)	11	31		
	Total	30	59		

^{*} Electrical Stations (Sections 103(1)) Institutions Section 104 and sites of building operations and works of engineering construction (Sections 107 and 108).



2. CASES IN WHICH DEFLOTS WERE FOUND (if defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more 'cases').

Particulars	Number Found	of cases Remedied	-	Found by H.M. Inspect or	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
Want of Cleanliness (s.1) Overcrowding (s.2) Unreasonable temperature(s.3) Inadeaute ventilation(s.4) Ineffective drainage of floor (s.6) Sanitary Conveniences(s.7) (a) Insufficient (b) Unsuitable or defective (c) Not separate for sexes Other offences against the Acts (not including offences relating to Outwork)	s	1			
TOTAL .	2	2			

PART VIII OF THE ACT - OUTWORK

Sections 110 & 111

-	Section 110			Section 111		
Nature of work	No. of out workers in fugust list required by Section 110 (1)(c)	cases of default in sending	utions for failure to supply	No. of instances of work in	Notices served	Prosec- utions
Wearing Apparel making etc.	-	***		-	-	

